[2nd February 1934

Excise

Income on account of sale of toddy shops during 1932–33 *and* 1933–34.

* 607 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the income derived is from the sale of toddy shops for the year commencing from 1st October 1933;

(*b*) what the income is from toddy shops for the year ending 30th September 1933;

(*c*) how many toddy shops were open during the past year and how many during the current year in the Presidency; and

(*d*) how many toddy shops were open during the past year and how many during the current year in Salem district?

A.—(*a*) The rentals amount to Rs. 1,29,22,287.

(*b*) Rs. 1,26,00,335.

(*c*) The number of toddy shops sold for the lease year 1932–33 was 9,937; the number for 1933–34 is 9,941.

(*d*) The number of toddy shops sold for the lease year 1932–33 in Salem district was 494; the number for 1933–34 is 496.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to give us a comparative idea of the incomes from the excise duties, not only from toddy but from other kinds of excise as well? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice, please."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I formally move the motion in the agenda of which I have given notice."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The first item on the agenda is a motion by the hon. the Leader of the House to amend certain Standing Orders. These amendments are the result of the deliberations of the Conference convened by His Excellency in pursuance of the announcement made in his message to the Council on the 30th October 1933. Under Standing Order No. 79, I have now to read the draft amendments and ask whether the hon. the Home Member has the leave of the House for introducing these amendments. The amendments have been circulated to hon. Members of the House and are also printed in the agenda. They are as follows.